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## Sully District e-Newsletter

Williams Gas Pipeline -Transco is seeking public input regarding a possible expansion of their pipeline. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 26th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Marriott Hotel–Dulles Airport ( 45020 Aviation Dr. Dulles, VA 20166)**

Communities that are located near the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation easement and may be impacted by this study include:

Virginia Run  
London Towne  
Second London Towne West  
Sully Station  
Sequoia Farms  
Belle Pond  
Xanadu Estates  
Walney Estates  
Poplar Tree  
Brookfield

In order to gather the information required to prepare a proposal and plan, Transco has begun to inspect their right of way to determine construction and operating needs. Civil, archaeological, and environmental surveys will be required. You can learn more about this project by visiting the following website: [www.williams.com/potomac](http://www.williams.com/potomac) . Questions or comments can be emailed to: [Potomac@williams.com](mailto:Potomac@williams.com)

### **Delegate Caputo's Upcoming Town Hall Meeting**

Delegate Caputo has asked that I help spread the word about his upcoming town hall meeting. The following is a message from Delegate Caputo:

All are welcome to attend Delegate Chuck Caputo's first town hall meeting on Saturday, January 28 from 11-1 in the Richard Frank room of the Sully Government District Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly. Delegate Caputo will be discussing his first few weeks in the General Assembly and would like to hear his constituents' concerns and issues. For information, please call the district office at 703-476-6944 or write Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb, Delegate Caputo's Legislative Assistant at LA@delegatecaputo.com. This will be the first in a series of monthly town hall meetings rotated throughout the 67th District.

### **The Dillon Rule**

As the Virginia General Assembly begins a new session we will hear a lot about the Dillon rule. I thought a little history, as well as the actual language, might be of interest. In response to the Board of Supervisors, the Office of the County Attorney prepared some history on how the Dillon Rule came into being. Here is a bit of that information.

The Dillon Rule is named after Judge John Forest Dillon (1831-1914) who wrote a book entitled, Commentaries on the Law of Municipal Corporations. The Dillon Rule basically holds that local governments are political subdivisions of their respective states, and therefore, have only limited powers granted by the state.

Judge Dillon described the philosophy that bore his name as: "It is the general and undisputed proposition of law that a municipal corporation possess and can exercise the following powers, and no others: First, those granted in express words; second, those necessarily or fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted; third, those essential to the accomplishment of the declared objects and purposes of the corporation— not simply convenient, but indispensable. Any fair, reasonable, substantial doubt concerning the existence of power is resolved by the courts against the corporation and the power is denied."

The Virginia Supreme Court appears to have first recognized the Dillon Rule in 1896 when that Court cited various legal authorities, including the Dillon Rule, to decide that the City of Winchester did not have the authority to issue a reward for the apprehension and conviction of criminals. The Brookings Institution recently reported that there are 39 states employing the use of the Dillon Rule to define the powers of local government.

### **Cub Run RECenter Receives Appearance Award**

Congratulations to the Cub Run RECenter and the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia Board of Directors voted unanimously to present a special award to the FCPA for the Cub Run RECenter, located in Chantilly. The award recognizes the superior efforts that went into design and construction of the 65,000 square foot fitness complex which opened last summer. For more information about the REC center, check out its website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/wcrec.htm> .



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